

# **Overall Water Management Strategy**



## Memorandum

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Subject: Water Management Strategy Evaluation Framework Project Summary

### Summary

The Water Management Strategy Evaluation Framework (WMSEF) is designed to assist CALFED prepare a comprehensive analysis of the performance of alternative water management strategies. The project is intended to refine the decision-making framework in order to develop and analyze acceptable long-term water management strategies. The initial WMSEF will be a deliverable that:

- Comprehensively documents CALFED program objectives contained in prior studies and publications,
- identifies and refines any additional stakeholder objectives, and
- recommends performance measures for evaluating alternative long-term water management strategies.

### Detailed Discussion

The WMSEF distinguishes between *fundamental objectives* and *means-end objectives*. A fundamental objective is an essential reason or purpose for undertaking the CALFED program (i.e., answering the question "why?"), whereas a means-end objective focuses on how fundamental objectives can be accomplished (i.e., answering the question "how?"). This approach encourages stakeholders to focus on their essential goals for participating in the CALFED program and is intended to engender more frank and open discussions of WMS alternatives.

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#### CALFED Agencies

**California** The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Department of Food and Agriculture

**Federal** Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. Forest Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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